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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Ralf VIERICH et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3623  
Application No.: 10/624,489 ) Examiner: Safet Metjahic  
Filed: July 23, 2003 )  
For: STATIC DRILL-THROUGH ) Confirmation No.: 7822  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

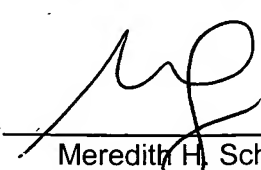
According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on July 23, 2003. Since that date we have received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") a Notice to File Missing Parts, dated December 1, 2003, which we responded to on February 2, 2004. On April 14, 2004, however, we filed priority documents for the above-captioned application. Since December 1, 2003 we have not received any further correspondence from the USPTO.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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